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Dear Sir:

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- (1) U.S. Publication No. US 2003/0077964 A1;
- (2) German Document No. 29811128 U1;
- (3) German Document No. 10133822 A1;
- (4) German Document No. 19642253 A1;
- (5) German Document No. 19908465 A1;
- (6) International Publication No. WO 96/37668;
- (7) German Document No. 29801953 U1;
- (8) German Document No. 19725451 A1;
- (9) German Document No. 19504017 A1;
- (10) European Document No. 0700779 A2; and
- (11) German Document No. 4428304 A1.

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A listing on Form PTO/SB/08A is enclosed along with a copy of the non-U.S. documents.

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